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REMARKS

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1. New troops moved in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne, Behagen-Klausdorf (N 53/Z 81) on 13 August 1951. Between 14 August and 1 September, three units, each with about 30 trucks, were seen leaving for night exercises which lasted from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. Each truck towed a 45-mm AT gun and was occupied by 15 to 18 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

2. Fifteen trucks, carrying infantry officers and men, passed through Behagen toward Sperenberg (N 53/Z 80) on 16 August. The soldiers wore gas masks.

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3. On 4 September, 12 model-1944 105-mm AT guns were seen in the large gun shed of the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in the area south of the railroad yards. Two more guns of the same type were parked in front of the shed and two armored half-track vehicles stood in the barracks yard. Trucks carrying a loading crew of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, moved into the installation from the direction of Sperenberg. *

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4. The tank unit previously observed in the Schurka Kaserne at Sperenberg was no longer seen on 4 September. the unit had been in the installation for only one week, apparently coincident with a field exercise. ** The installation quartered a total of 320 to 350 troops with black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets on 4 September. The troops seemed to belong to an engineer and an artillery unit. About 200 soldiers were seen receiving infantry training. The restriction on the tank training area on Hege Lake was lifted again. Trucks were identified at the Schurka Kaserne. ***

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* Comment. The information confirms the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne as quartering components of the 199th Light Arty Brig, elements of which were probably at Altengrabow in August 1951.

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the barracks installation on Schurka Lake quartered a component of the 6th Jds Tank Div. the unit seemed to have been there only for the duration of the field exercise.

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Comment, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the engineer unit of the Third U.S. Army, stationed in the barracks installation on Schumka Lake, returned to its post from the engineer training site at Wittenberg where it had moved in early April 1951. [REDACTED] The identity of another unit apparently stationed in the installation has not been determined.

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